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FUNCTION AND A KEY**

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The applicants respectfully request that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed. If any of these references were uncovered by an international or foreign search as part of a counterpart application filed by the applicants, then a copy of the search report is also enclosed.

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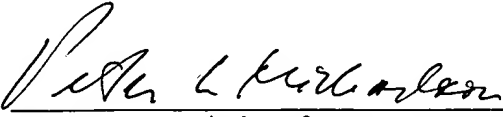
REMARKS

Under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) (effective March 16, 1992), since above-cited references are in the English language, the applicants submit that no specific comments are necessary.

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